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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1042  
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate John W. Kimbrell on his  
induction into the Lipscomb University Athletic  
Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to honor those  
Tennesseans who, through their hard work and dedication, have established themselves among  
the prominent athletes in Tennessee sports history; and

WHEREAS, John Kimbrell is one such individual who was recently inducted into the  
Lipscomb Athletic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, a native of West Point and the son of Ted and Doris Kimbrell, John W.  
Kimbrell attended Loretto High School where he excelled in athletics as a member of the  
basketball team; and

WHEREAS, his Senior season at Loretto High School proved to be a tumultuous one, as  
the basketball team experienced three coaching changes during the season; and

WHEREAS, despite three coaching changes in his senior year, Mr. Kimbrell managed to  
average 24 points, 15 rebounds and earn team Most Valuable Player honors; and

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WHEREAS, after graduation, John Kimbrell attended Lipscomb University and enjoyed an outstanding collegiate career under Coach Don Meyer; and

WHEREAS, he played for the Bisons from 1982 to 1986 and helped establish Lipscomb University as an NAIA perennial power; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Mr. Kimbrell led the Bisons to the NAIA National Championship, averaging 19.6 points and 8.2 rebounds per game and garnering Most Valuable Player honors for the National Tournament; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these remarkable achievements, John Kimbrell was named to the NAIA All-American Team in 1985 and 1986; he became the first Bison to earn First Team honors in 1986; and

WHEREAS, during his four year career, Lipscomb University compiled a school record 109 wins, gained two berths to the National Tournament and achieved its first NAIA number one ranking; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Lipscomb, John Kimbrell was drafted by the National Basketball Association's Milwaukee Bucks and later played for the United States Basketball League and the Continental Basketball League; and

WHEREAS, he also bravely served three years in the United States Air Force, playing on the Air Force basketball team all three years of his service; he was also selected to play on the prestigious Armed Forces Basketball Team for one year; and

WHEREAS, while serving with the Air Force, Mr. Kimbrell was stationed in Panama and courageously participated in operation "Just Cause" to remove Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega from power; and

WHEREAS, committed to the future of his community, Mr. Kimbrell currently coaches basketball and teaches Physical Education at South Lawrence Elementary School in Loretto; and

WHEREAS, the viability of our lives together as citizens of Tennessee is due, in great measure, to the dedication of people such as John W. Kimbrell who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause in our deliberations to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of one of Tennessee's best and brightest citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and congratulate Mr. John W. Kimbrell upon being inducted into the Lipscomb Athletic Hall of Fame and celebrate his stalwart dedication and unsurpassed talent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to him our best wishes for much happiness and continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.